

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF WALHALLA CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MONDAY FEBRUARY 02, 2026**

Mayor McDonald called the regular meeting of the Walhalla City Council to order at 7:00 P.M., Monday February 02, 2026, at City Hall.

Council Present: Jackson, Carpenter, Kalis, Horgan, Dumas, Schill

Others Present: Neil Dame, Larry DuBois, Auditor Cook.

Motion by Horgan to approve the minutes of the January 2nd recreation committee meeting as read. Second by Schill. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Motion by Carpenter to approve the minutes of the January 5th regular meeting as read. Second by Jackson. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Motion by Jackson to approve the minutes of the January 16th recreation committee meeting as read. Second by Kalis. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Motion by Schill to approve the financial report. Second by Kalis. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed. The 2025 annual fund statement was submitted to the governing board by the auditor.

Communications:

Insurance: The City was notified that Koda Insurance was acquired by Mostad Insurance Services. Karen Hardy will remain the agent for the city's policies.

Engineering: Bolton & Menk and Moore Engineering contacted the city inquiring about any updates regarding PAR grant submittal for lagoon cell 2.

Water Resources: The Dept of Water Resources is requesting entities to identify any upcoming projects that may require cost-share for the 2027-2029 biennium. It was decided there are no city projects planned for this time that would be eligible.

Zelda Hartje: The City Assessor sent a notification regarding changes to assessing of tax-exempt properties, changes requiring written notices to be mailed to parcel owners, and requesting the date for the 2026 equalization meeting. Motion by Horgan to set the tax equalization meeting for 7:00 P.M., Monday April 27, 2026, at City Hall. Second by Schill. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Municipal Services, Building Permits, Streets, and Alleys: Discussion was held on Lagoon deficiencies in cell #2. Mr. DuBois has been in continued contact with the NDDEQ and is waiting on additional clarification from the state. Discussion was held on setting a replacement schedule for fire hydrants and gate valves. The Municipal Services Committee will meet and compose a list of hydrants and gate valves in need of replacement as well as an estimated cost. Discussion was held on if the skid steer is eligible for the Municipality Yearly Trade Program.

Police, Fire, and Traffic: Nothing.

Financial & Economic Development Corp: Nothing.

Board of Health, City Buildings, and Recreation: The Rural Catalyst Grant was discussed. The city should know by Friday, February 06, if the swimming pool and playground projects were awarded.

Motion by Schill to approve all bills presented. Second by Carpenter. Roll call: Carpenter, yes; Kalis, yes; Schill, yes; Jackson, yes; Horgan, yes; Dumas, yes. Motion passed.

Old Business:

-DOT Speed Sign: The city will continue to pursue the application and permit process for installation of speed feedback signs.

-Website Update: The auditor has been in contact with the developer for the initial plans of the website redesign.

-Sales Tax Ordinance: Motion by Jackson to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2026-01. Second by Schill. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

-Floodplain Ordinance: Motion by Schill to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2026-02. Second by Jackson. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

New Business: None

Other Business: None

Motion by Schill to adjourn. Second by Horgan All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 7:44 P.M.

John Rock McDonald _____
Mayor

Michael Cook _____
Auditor

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